

**Women's Policy Coalition Meeting
Office of Women's Advancement & Advocacy
State of Delaware, Department of Human Resources**

Monday, June 17, 2019

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Community Service Building Corporation,
100 W 10th Street, Rm 109
Wilmington, DE 19801**

Attendees:

Marie Maks

Michele Whetzel

Sherese Brewington-Carr

Aida Waserstein-Stella Harrison

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Marian Palley at 11:40a.m.

Welcome and introductory remarks

Chairperson Marian Palley opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming. Chairperson announced that with the departure of Sara Best, Stella Harrison will now take minutes until further notice.

Plans for September Meeting

Chairperson discussed holding the September meeting in the Community Services Building. Due to low participation in the summer months, Chairperson suggested that meetings move to a quarterly schedule. The Chairperson and OWAA Director will communicate the update about quarterly meetings to all members of the coalition. OWAA Director will determine if the YWCA has video capabilities for possible future meetings. Chairperson reminded all members that for the September 9, 2019 event, if they cannot attend a meeting, a representative should attend the event..

Legislative Updates

OWAA Director shared information on Senate Bill 78, sponsored by Senator Poore, which would require that health education programs in Delaware public schools include instruction on what it means to "consent" in the context of a sexual encounter. The bill passed in the Senate and is now in the House of Representatives. OWAA Director asked the Delaware Women's Commission for a letter of support. It is expected the bill will pass in the House of Representatives.

OWAA Director requested that any available committee members come to Legislative Hall on June 30, 2019 for a bill signing which would ensure that trafficking victims under 18 cannot be charged with prostitution. Please let the OWAA Director know if you plan to attend. With a low number of bills relevant to women's issues in the current session, members were asked to bring any bills pertaining to women to the OWAA Director's attention.

The OWAA Director will meet with different groups in July to discuss potential legislation for the next session. There was a discussion about abortion and the Delaware code. Chairperson will send out fact sheet about abortion concerning the Delaware code.

Upcoming Events Updates

On August 26, 2020, there will be a parade for women's suffrage and there will opportunities for all the women's groups to participate. The Hall of Fame event will be held on October 17, 2019. The Office of Women's Advancement and Advocacy will announce the Hall of Fame Nominee winners in July. The Office of Women's Advancement and Advocacy will be participating in several festivals over the summer. The OWAA Director has posters for the parental leave program that she would like to hand out to coalition members.

Other Business

The Office of Women's Advancement and Advocacy is hiring a Policy and Research Analyst. The office has also completed all four of the Salary Negotiations seminars. The OWAA Director would like to work with universities and libraries to offer the seminars next year.

Chairperson asked members if there were any questions or concerns and then moved to adjourned.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:30 p.m.